

Dear Judge O'Grady

I would like to start off by saying I am ashamed of my actions and the man I became. I am aware I can not take back the mistakes I have made nor am I making excuses but I do feel remorse. Since I have been incarcerated I have been thinking of all the people I've hurt and how selfish I've been. I moved from a foreign country to America at a young age not being able to speak English. I moved around a lot and had a hard time finding friends. I started hanging with people I know I shouldn't have but I will admit that I felt safe and accepted. Soon I started doing things to impress them and fit in. One bad choice lead to another and began my path down the wrong road. I understand that I could've changed for the better at any point but I am ashamed to admit that drugs and money kept me at hold. I started to use drugs daily and my life spiraled out of control. Since I've been sober it has been brought to my attention all of the people I have hurt, even my own family. I know my apologies won't take back the damage but I am changing for the better.

I've been attending Church Weekly and Reading my Bible daily to be a better person. I was heading down to my own self destruction but through God I've found hope. I deserve punishment and can only ask for forgiveness. I plan on using my incarceration to better myself and learn useful traits to earn money legally to become a productive member of society. I started seeing improvement by taking programs like anger management and path for peace. I just hope I can have a chance to make amends to the people I have hurt and like the rest of my life trying to help people around me from making the same mistakes as I have.

Sincerely
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